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UPCOMING EVENTS:




PITTSBURGH
CHAPTER
MEETING –
OCTOBER 5 –
ST. MARGARET
MARY CHURCH



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THE MONTH
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OCTOBER 15!!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Greetings Brother Knights,

As I look back on the last month, it has certainly been a whirlwind of emotions. My family, especially my sister, and I would like to thank all the councils that have sent me Mass and Prayer Cards, Sympathy Cards, donations, and kind words. The outpouring of support from my fellow Brother Knights has been both overwhelming and comforting. My sister and I had no clue that our mom had no Life Insurance, so the donations that have been received will be going towards funeral costs for my mom. Again, Thank You All!



October is an important recruitment month for the Knights of Columbus – it's Church Drive Month. Our State Deputy is encouraging brotherhood and supporting our State Membership Director, who is enthusiastic about increasing membership in the order. A new recruitment incentive was introduced, which means Santa will be bringing a \$1000.00 check to one lucky recruiter in December! For each new member brought into the order from July 1st to November 30th the Recruiter will get a ticket put into the **SANTA SURPRISE** raffle. Councils need to get busy, now is the time to **RECRUIT!** In addition to recruitment, now is the time to plan for winter Faith In Action activities:

- Family – Plan for Keep Christ in Christmas activities, such as ordering the Poster Contest Kit for your Council, participating in the Box of Joy program, and selling religious Christmas cards, magnets, etc.
- Community – Winters are cold in Pittsburgh, so order your cases of Coats for Kids as soon as possible and plan a distribution event.
- Faith – Prepare to send your Christmas support checks to the Seminarians your Council supports.
- Life – Start early to prepare for the National March for Life in January and send in your donations to the State Ultrasound Project (send to Jack Rosati).

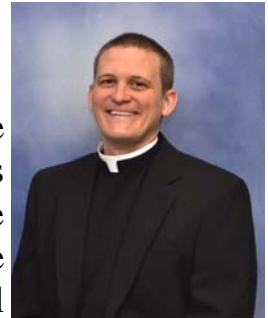
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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING
OCTOBER 5 — 7:30 PM
AT ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH
(MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH)
ONE PARISH PLACE; MOON TWP. PA 15108

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Dear Brother Knights:

October marks two important events each year in the Church. First, the Church shows special honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebrates Respect Life month. The Knights have always showed due honor to the Blessed Mother especially by our commitment to the Holy Rosary. Please pray the rosary this month for the protection of all life. In particular, we are called to pray for the protection of the unborn, the vulnerable, the poor, the elderly, and those nearing death. May our focus be renewed during this special month dedicated to deepening our awareness of respect for life and our Blessed Mother.



Father Will Wuenschel
Saint Aidan Parish
St Alphonsus & St. Alexis Churches



POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS ADDRESS ON SERVICE

Pope Francis said that in God's eyes, success is measured "not on what someone has, but on what someone gives."

In his Angelus address on Sept. 19, the pope reflected on the day's Gospel reading, Mark 9:30-37, in which Jesus declares that "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

The pope said: "Through this shocking phrase, the Lord inaugurates a reversal: he overturns the criteria about what truly matters. The value of a person does not depend anymore on the role they have, the work they do, the money they have in the bank."

"No, no, no, it does not depend on this. Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured differently: they are measured by service. Not on what someone has, but on what someone gives. Do you want to be first? Serve. This is the way."

Giving his live-streamed address at a window overlooking St. Peter's Square, the pope said that those who wish to follow Jesus must take "the path of service."

"Our fidelity to the Lord depends on our willingness to serve. And we know this often costs, because 'it tastes like a cross.' But, as our care and availability toward others grow, we become freer inside, more like Jesus. The more we serve, the more we are aware of God's presence," he explained.

"Above all, when we serve those who cannot give anything in return, the poor, embracing their difficulties and needs with tender compassion: and we in turn discover God's love and embrace there."

<from the Catholic News Agency, September 19, 2021>

INSURANCE INFORMATION

TIME FOR YOUR “FINANCIAL CHECKUP”

Like physical health, maintaining financial health requires frequent checkups. Financial needs are a moving target so they must be looked at periodically. We cannot treat our retirement plans with a “set it and forget it” philosophy.

The Knights of Columbus portfolio of protection should not be any different. Start by meeting with me. It will be a friendly encounter that will include a fraternal update and a complimentary financial checkup. I will look at your current financial situation and its impact on your family’s retirement goals, security and general welfare.

I also will discuss the Order’s “Tradition of Protection,” explaining our founding mission and current events. I will talk about benefits relevant to you and your family, and explain how those benefits can augment and safeguard your portfolios. A confidential “Family Service Record” can then be updated and individualized recommendations made.

My job as the Field Agent for your council is to ensure your full financial protection. If I find that you are well-situated, then you have the increased peace of mind that comes from this validation. If you and I discover some gap or oversight, then you have an opportunity to implement a remedy before a small problem becomes a disaster. The meeting has no risk and can be a major win.

When members obtain their protection from the Knights of Columbus, they are availing themselves of exclusive benefits that non-members cannot access. These exclusive benefits not only help their families, but the good works and mission of the Order. If our members are the bone and fiber of the Order, then the insurance is the lifeblood.

Encourage a culture of protection in your council by visiting kofc.org/insurance

today. Remember, being a member of the Knights of Columbus has many benefits. Your opportunity to have free access to a professional that can help protect you and your family is one that should definitely be taken advantage of. Contact me today to arrange for an appointment!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW !!!!!!!

The Annual **Three Rivers Mass** to mark the anniversary of the First Mass held in Pittsburgh in 1754 by Father Denys Baron will – after a two-year hiatus – be celebrated **at St. Anthony Chapel on Troy Hill (1704 Harpster Street, Pittsburgh PA 15212) at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 23, 2022.**



This is an important work of the Knights of Columbus and a tangible link to the beginning of the Church’s history in Pittsburgh, All members are encouraged to attend.

Michael O’Connell – 1st Vice-President – Pittsburgh Chapter.



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 OF COLUMBUS**
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL

Brothers:

Many thanks to the Pittsburgh Chapter and President Tim Richards for inviting me to speak at your September 8 meeting in Monroeville about VA Volunteer Services. I am the new KofC VAVS Representative for SWPA. I am based at the Heinz VA Medical Center in Aspinwall. I've been given a volunteer job at the site and spend at least one full day per week there.

Also, we pick up donuts, bread, etc. donated every Monday evening by Oakmont Bakery and deliver these to Heinz VA on Tuesday mornings. These are very generous donations by the bakery. The items I picked up last Monday were almost more than I could fit into my car. These donations are very much appreciated by Heinz VA and its residents.

We will also be starting up bingos again at the site beginning on Friday September 24. These will be held every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 2pm. We provide funding for prizes given away at the bingos and eventually will also provide refreshments once the Covid restrictions have been relaxed.

The site has a very nice chapel and one of the chaplains is a Catholic priest. We would like to hold some prayer services there in the future.

Andy Rodgers and his Glenshaw Council collected a large number of cards and letters from school children to veterans thanking them for their service. The site was very appreciative of these and they said they would like to receive more. If your council or assembly can do this, please let me know, and I will come to pick them up when ready.

One of my duties is to raise funds for needed causes at the site or for veterans in need outside of the healthcare facilities. These are two of their charity funds that are currently in need of donations:

1. Arts and crafts fund. Art therapists work with vets on site and at their homes to create some beautiful artwork. They have a state of the art ceramics shop on site. Some of their work is displayed with a model train set in the lobby at Heinz. I am attaching a photo of a model of the Homestead Steel Works, which is part of this display.

2. Transportation fund. Vets who are brought into the site via VA shuttles don't always have a ride back home if they are admitted overnight because their shuttles might not run every day. Volunteer services pays for Ubers, taxis, or buses to get them back home.

If your chapter, councils, or assemblies would like to donate to one of these funds, please make check payable to VAPHS (VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System). If you want the donation earmarked to one of the funds mentioned above, please note that on the memo line on the check. Thanks very much.

Vivat Jesus,

Lee Clark

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- Bishop's Project – The Seals drive is starting soon, talk with your Pastor to set a distribution weekend.
- Fraternal Benefits Events – Reach out to your Insurance Agent to discuss your next Fraternal Benefits night.

And lastly, I want to thank all those Councils that regularly participate in the Pittsburgh Chapter meetings. These meetings are a great opportunity to join together, receive lots of information about the Knights and upcoming events, and to share ideas. Please note that Chapter Meetings are open to any 3rd Degree Brother Knights. We meet each month on the 1st Tuesday at 7:30 PM. The location is rotated through different councils, so if you would like to host a chapter meeting, please contact me. I look forward to seeing more of our Brother Knights at these informative and fraternal meetings.

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Richards, President, Pittsburgh Chapter
Pittsburgh Chapter of the K of C



**PA WEST SOCCER CHALLENGE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021
ST PAUL SEMINARY SOCCER FIELD
2900 NOBLESTOWN ROAD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15220
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:00 AM**

PARTICIPANTS MUST USE K OF C SOCCER BALLS

**IF YOU ARE NOT A DD, PLEASE FORWARD TO YOUR REPLACEMENT OR
PROVIDE ME WITH THE NAME OF YOUR REPLACEMENT**

HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

ANY QUESTIONS: (412) 279-0472

GARY L WILLIARD, PRESIDENT OF THE PA WEST BOARD OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES



BOX OF JOY INFORMATION

This year our Knights of Columbus Pittsburgh Chapter will be participating in the Box of Joy ministry, a Christmas gift outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes, and groups nationwide. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, our students will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. We encourage every student and family member to pack a Box of Joy! For more info, contact the Project Leader, Chapter President, Tim Richards or check out boxofjoy.org

OCTOBER 2021



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**Family of Month Form Due					1	2
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NOVEMBER 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Family of Month Form Due	1 All Saints Day	2 Pgh Chapter Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends	8	9	10	11	12	13
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